



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 725

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 372

Senate, April 24, 2008

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. HARP of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING GRANTS FOR BIODIESEL PRODUCERS AND DISTRIBUTORS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 32-324 of the 2008 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 For the purposes of this section and sections 32-324a to 32-324f,
5 inclusive:

6 (1) "Biodiesel" means a fuel comprised of mono-alkyl esters of long
7 chain fatty acids derived from vegetable oils or animal fats, designated
8 B100, and meeting the requirements of designation D6751 of the
9 American Society for Testing and Materials.

10 (2) "Qualified biodiesel producer" means a facility that produces
11 biodiesel, is registered with the state of Connecticut, is domiciled in
12 Connecticut and is actively [engaged in the production of] committed

13 to producing biodiesel in Connecticut for commercial purposes.

14 (3) "Qualified biodiesel distributor" means a facility that stores and
15 distributes biodiesel, is registered with the state of Connecticut, is
16 domiciled in Connecticut and is actively [engaged in the storage and
17 distribution of] committed to storing and distributing biodiesel in
18 Connecticut for commercial purposes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	32-324

APP *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which expands the definitions of qualified biodiesel producers and distributors, has no fiscal impact.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 372*****AN ACT CONCERNING GRANTS FOR BIODIESEL PRODUCERS AND DISTRIBUTORS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill reduces the threshold biodiesel producers and distributors must meet to be eligible to receive grants from the Connecticut Qualified Biodiesel Producer Incentive Account.

To qualify for grants under current law, biodiesel producers must be actively engaged in producing, and biodiesel distributors must be actively engaged in storing and distributing, biodiesel in Connecticut for commercial purposes. Under the bill, producers and distributors need only be actively committed to these activities to qualify.

The law, unchanged by the bill, also requires producers and distributors to be registered with, and domiciled in, the state to qualify for the grants.

EFFECTIVE DATES: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***Legislative History***

The Senate referred the bill (File 28) to the Appropriations Committee, which reported a substitute that eliminates provisions (1) expanding tax exemptions for certain blends of biodiesel fuel, (2) creating an income tax credit for state residents who buy certain biodiesel blends for residential use, and (3) appropriating more than \$8 million for biodiesel and motor fuel programs.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 28 Nay 0 (02/29/2008)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 51 Nay 0 (04/11/2008)